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1997 has been an exciting and challenging year for the Thoroughbreds, under the direction of our most talented director, John Zehnder, and ably assisted by equally talented associate directors, David Hasch, Jamie Meyer and W. C. Walter. This past year the chorus has been privileged to sing with other outstanding musical groups, like the Louisville Orchestra at its Pops Concert, and later this month the St. Margaret Mary choir in a combined Christmas concert. We have sung at the opening of shows and plays here in Louisville, like "Showboat" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", and appeared numerous other times around the state, including such auspicious events as a TV show preceding the Kentucky Derby Oaks and the opening of the Kentucky State Fair. Early next year our "Championship Recording" of the songs from past championship Thoroughbred quartets and choruses will be available, and a Christmas album with all your favorite holiday songs from this show and those of the past is in the planning stage.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the women in our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary for their indispensable help in putting on this show and, most of all, our gratitude to you for your support in attending these Thoroughbred Annual Show performances. We wish you and yours a most joyous holiday season, and a happy, prosperous new year.

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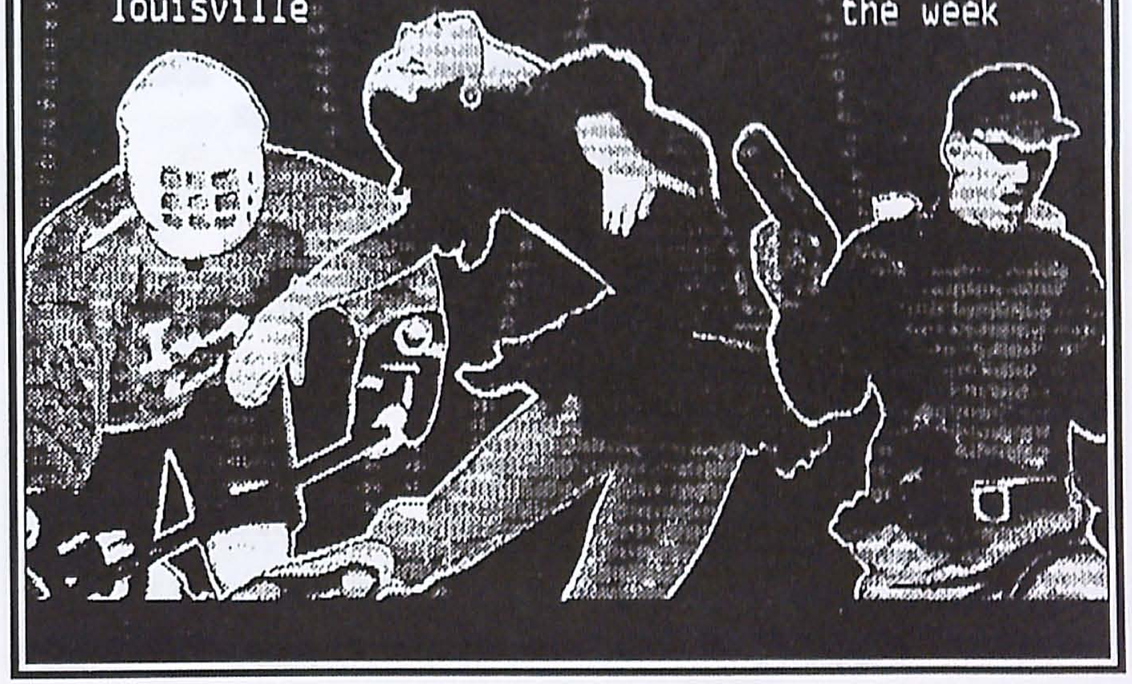
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A member of Sweet Adelines International since 1974, Debbie has served on East Central Region #4's Musical Staff for 17 years. Sixteen years ago, she won the Region #4 Novice Director Award while directing the *Lexington Chorus*, and she formerly was assistant director of *Falls of the Ohio*, *Kentuckiana* and *Derby City Choruses*. Debbie has directed *Pride of Kentucky Chorus* since its beginning in 1983, leading the chorus to a top five award in every contest, including two Regional Championships.

In her spare time, Debbie coaches quartets and choruses both in and out of Region #4, and has qualified as a Master Director in Sweet Adelines International's Chorus Director Certification Program. For 17 years, she sang tenor with the four-time Regional Champion and six-time International Finalist Quartet *Harmony Highlights*. In her other life, Debbie is a Corporate Account Manager for Sarcom/KnowledgeLink, a systems integrator and computer training company.



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Lead **Suzanne Harrington** and bass **Naima Meyer** jumped into performing barbershop as eleven-year-olds in Sweden when they first formed the quartet, Growing Girls. Who would know that they would go on to become the Sweet Adelines' 1989 Queens of Harmony! While growing up on this side of the world, baritone **Patty Hawley** could always be found singing tags with the Louisville Thoroughbreds. She still contends that she should be allowed on the risers with the men and follow her dad's footsteps! Patty got tenor **Eleanor Hawkins** hooked on the barbershop sound with an earful of the Harrington Brothers and the Thoroughbreds.

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Second Row: Dave Hasch,L - Bob Wade,L - Mike French,L - Pat Conroy,T - Jeff Wright,BT - James Cole,B - Stephen Smith,L - Lee Wolpert,BT - John Zehnder, Director

Third Row: Jerry Marlow,L - Fred Barton,L - Sam Gardner,L - Al Wade,L - Jim Higgins,L - Ed Murphy,T - Harold Fow,T - Mel Cooksey,B - J. P. Skinner,B - Jim Burgess,B - Bruce Garwood,B - Dick Kraps,B - Gene Stemmle,B - Jim Grissom,BT - Peter Fuller,BT - Don Fleming,BT

Fourth Row: Ted Lyons,L - Warren Donaldson,L - Keith Creasy,L - Tom Nief,L - Bill Gregory,T - Eric Huntstiger,T - Larry Swan,B - Chris Haeberlin,B - Obie Hammond,B - David Friedman,B - Don Fow,B - Tom Parrish,B - Ed Wirth,B - Dave Plette,BT - Paul Forrest,BT - Jack Murphy,BT - Troy Lovett,BT

Fifth Row: Dick Carlton,L - Mike Burdette,L - Jim Parker,L - Don Schuler,L - Ed Hardman,T - Bob Payne,B - Mike Ehringer,B - Frank Harrell,B - Ed Hafling,B - Larry Pizer,B - Harold Johnson,B - Tom Mattingly,B - Jim Atkins,B - Ben Moore,B - Jon Creasy,L - Kent Back,BT

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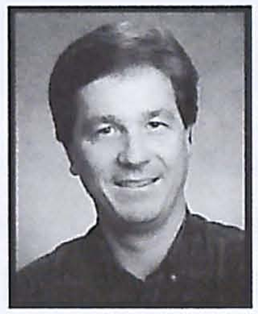


JOHN D. ZEHNDER was named the Music Director of the Thoroughbred's in the spring of this year. He had served as Principle Ass. Director since 1989 and has been a member of the Chorus since 1981; plus sang tenor in the "Class of '84" Quartet.

John attended the University of Louisville School of music and has an extensive background of playing violin and piano professionally for many Broadway shows and stars such as, Carol Channing in "Hello Dolly", Johnny Mathis, Eddie Arnold, Bowzer of "Sha Na Na" and Liberace.

In the '80's John was music director for the following: Iroquois Amphitheater Summerstock Theater, King's Island, Musicana Enterprises in Florida, Scandinavia Seas Cruise Ship, and traveled the country directing Country and Top 40 bands. John has also vocal coached Miss America contestants, worked on musicals at Actor's Theater of Louisville, Y.P.A.S., Ballard, Seneca, Waggener and Westport high schools, and taught at Barbershop Society schools.

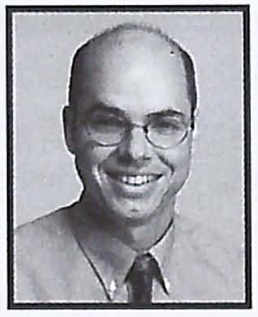
Besides directing the chorus, he's keyboardist for "The Monarchs", Music Director for Trinity High School Dept. of Theatre Arts, while serving as a Sergeant with the Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Office.



DAVE HASCH is presently the chorus' Principle Assistant Director, Lead Section Leader, and has been a member since 1978. He has three gold chorus medals and directed the Lexington chapter for a short term. Dave was the Lead of the Cardinal District Quartet Champs, the "Class of '84". Dave is professionally known as a Cartographer.



W.C. WALTER now serves as Associate Director and has been singing with the Thoroughbreds since 1969. Since he began Barbershopping in 1964 he has attained 5 gold chorus medals, co-directed the Lexington chapter, and is presently the Lead in the "Way Over Forty-Four Quartet". W. C. always enjoys a good game of golf and is owner of A.B.C. printing company.



JAMIE MEYER is a key member of the music team serving as Bass Section Leader and Warm-up Director. Jamie sang bass with the 1989 International Championship Quartet "Second Edition". He joined the chorus in 1982 and jet-sets between Louisville, Kentucky and Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife Naima and their son Adam. Jamie works for Armored Car Company.

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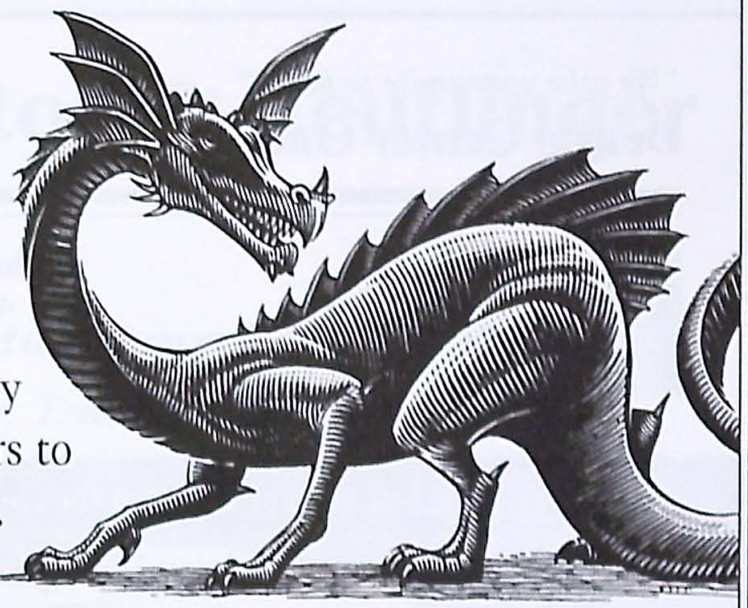
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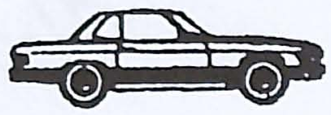
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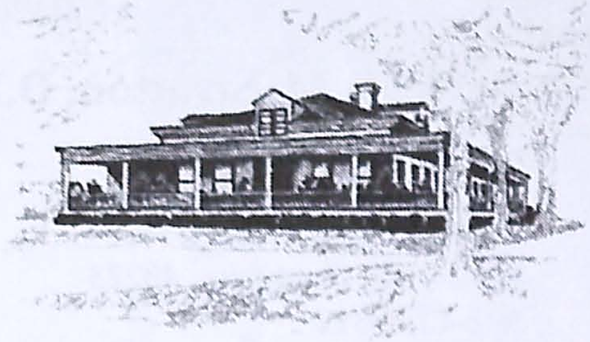
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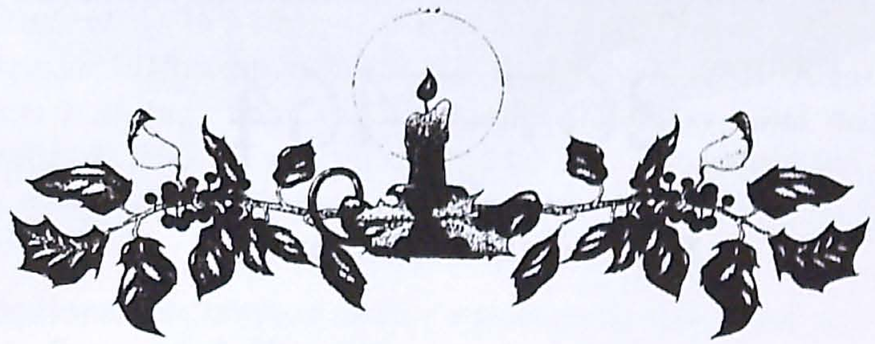


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The Thoroughbred Chorus can be traced back to 1945 when F.W. Drybrough, a Louisville businessman, invited a number of friends to his home to listen to a once popular style of music, barbershop harmony. This style of music was slowly being replaced by the swing era and big bands. The Louisville Chorus was conceived with a membership of 33 men and the membership soon grew into the hundreds.

The group split in 1958 with the majority of the members being interested in social affairs rather than musical excellence. The Thoroughbred Chorus was formed borrowing the name "Thoroughbred" from a quartet of that time.

The Chorus won their first regional competition in 1958. Since then, the Thoroughbreds have won a record seven International Championships.

The Thoroughbreds have sung on national television, for President Bush, and toured the United States and Canada. The directors of the Chorus have included Bill Benner, Joe Wise, Jim Miller, Ken Buckner, Allen Hatton, Ken Hatton, Ken Buckner and John Zehnder.

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